

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph 001 as follows:

This application claims the benefit of ~~French~~ European Patent Application No. 04290791.5 [[\_\_\_\_\_]] entitled "Process for Oxidizing Unfractionated Heparins and Detecting Presence or Absence of Glycoserine in Heparin and Heparin Products," which was filed March 24, 2004, ~~and which is incorporated herein in its entirety.~~